(a) whether Government is aware that the Delhi University has paid over Rs. 84 lakhs as transport allowance to employees residing within the campus;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CAG has asked Government and UGC to fix responsibility in this matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps Government proposes to take to ensure that such financial irregularities are avoided in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The Comptroller and Auditor General (C&AG) had objected to payment of transport allowance to such employees of the University of Delhi as has been provided accommodation in the North Campus of the University. The University Grants Commission (UGC) was advised by the Government to deduct this amount from the maintenance grant of the University and the UGC has reported that an amount of Rs. 88.93 lakhs has been deducted from the budget estimates (2007-08) of Delhi University.

However, as the University of Delhi is of the view that the transport allowance is admissible in terms of Finance Ministry's O.M. dated 3rd October, 1997 as the North Campus is not a compact campus, the matter has been referred to Ministry of Finance for clarification.

Institute for comparative study of religions

2835. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has received a proposal from the Government of Punjab for setting up an institute to undertake the comparative study of religions like Sikhism, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Christianity and Buddhism;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal with estimated cost of the institute; and

(c) by when Government would accord approval to this institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir. No such proposal has been received from the Government of Punjab.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Setting up of IITs and IIMs

2836. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) in some States;

(b) if so, whether Government is also considering the proposal of Punjab for sanctioning of at least one IIT/IIM in the State;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether State Government of Punjab has also requested for a Central University at Bhatinda; and

(e) if so, by when the request of State Government is likely to be accepted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government have decided to set up eight new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) including one in the State of Punjab and seven new Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) during the Eleventh Plan period. There is no proposal at present to establish an IIM in Punjab as it has been decided in consultation with the Planning Commission not to have a new IIT and IIM in the same State.

(d) and (e) Government have decided to set up sixteen Central Universities, including one in Punjab. Government of Punjab have suggested three alternative locations *viz.* Bhatinda, Ropar and Kapurthala, for establishment of a Central University. Locational decision would, however, be taken separately through formal mechanism to be put in place by the Government in consultation with other stake holders.

Fee hike in IIMs

2837. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the major Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) in the country have increased their fees by about 70 to 150 per cent recently;

(b) if so, the details of the existing fees and the proposed hike in different IIMs;

(c) whether the Government had any talks with the directors of IIMs on this issue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Only Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad has increased the fees of its 1st year (2008-09) Post-Graduate Programme (PGP) of Management by 175%.

(b) The details of the existing fees and the proposed fees hike in different IIMs is as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Institute	Present Fees for PGP (2007-09) (Rs. in Lakh)		Proposed Fees For PGP (2008-10) (Rs. in Lakh)	
		I-Year	II-Year	I-Year	II-Year
1.	IIM Ahmedabad	2.00	2.30	5.50	6.00
2.	IIM Bangalore	2.50	2.50	4.00	5.00
3.	IIM Calcutta	2.014	1.986	3.00	4.00
4.	IIM Lucknow	1.945	2.095	2.50	2.50
5.	IIM Indore	1.90	2.00	3.00	3.10
6.	IIM Kozhikode	1.90	2.10	3.00	3.00